

Alaska State Plan for Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

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Goals for our time together...

- Share a 30,000 ft. view of ESSA provisions
- Communicate three Key Elements of the State Plan and what is required by ESSA
- Answer your questions; hear your ideas/concerns

Overarching Goal

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Alaska's Vision

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Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Reauthorized

**ESEA PASSED IN
1965**

*Goal: To Improve the
quality of education for low
income students*

**No Child Left Behind
NCLB**

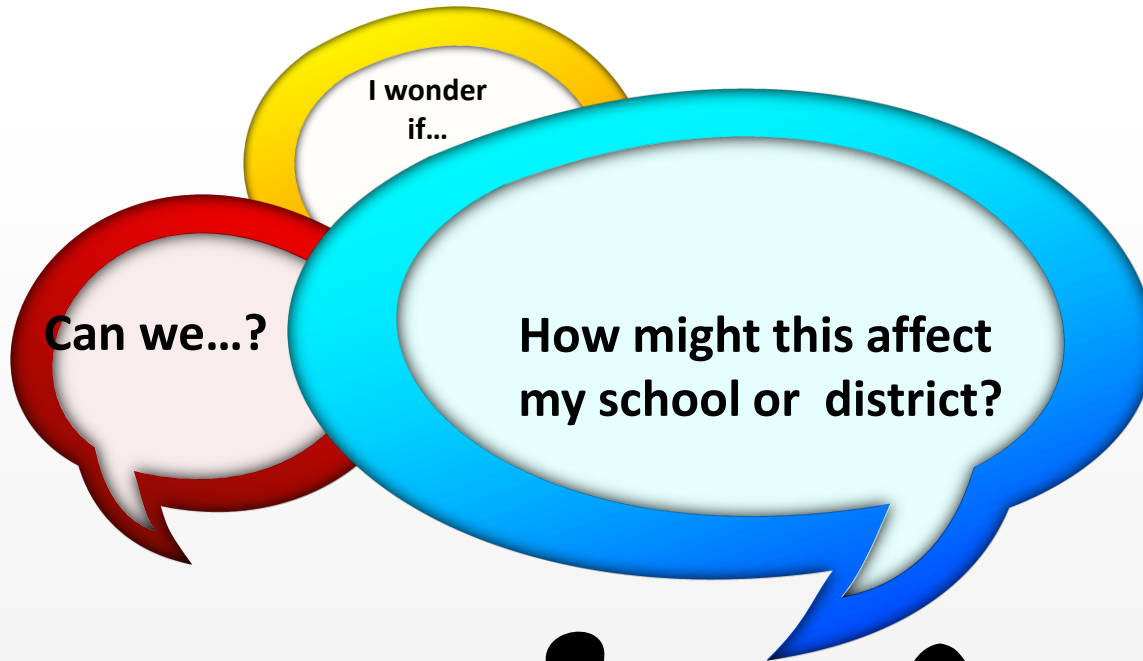
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**Every Student Succeeds
Act
ESSA**

December 10, 2015

- US Department of Education ---- Regulations
 - Negotiated rule-making process began in March
 - Final regulations expected in fall 2016

Your Voices Are Important



Primary Methods for Stakeholder Involvement

	Advisory Committee
	Focus groups
	Work groups
	State leadership
	Public-at-large

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Educate

Clarify

Engage

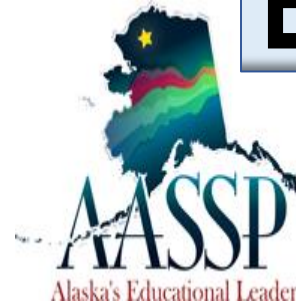
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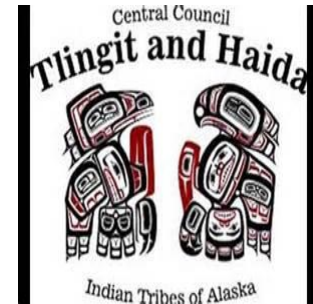
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Alaska Association of School Business Officials



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ESSA Overview

A 30,000 ft. View

ESSA Opportunities for States

- Returns more control to the states, particularly in developing accountability systems and supports for school identification
- Removes highly qualified requirements for teachers and does not require student achievement data as part of educator evaluations
- Restricts federal authority in many areas

Timeline for ESSA Implementation

- ESEA Flexibility Waivers end 8/1/2016
- Funds for formula programs (Title I, etc.) will be administered in 2016-2017 as under ESEA
- Full implementation of plan in 2017-18 school year
- State Plan submission date in March or July, 2017

Three Key Elements ESSA State Plan



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**Standards &
Assessment**



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Accountability



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3**

**School
Support**

Standards & Assessments

- States must have challenging academic content standards in English language arts, mathematics, and science aligned with
 - entrance requirements at public system for higher education
 - relevant state career and technical education standards
- Alaska adopted standards in ELA & mathematics in June, 2012
 - aligned to University of Alaska requirements for credit-bearing courses without remediation
- Alaska's science standards and grade level expectations were last revised in 2006

Content Assessments

- Content assessments required in language arts, mathematics & science annually
 - ELA & Math: grades 3-8, at least once in grades 9-12
 - Science: at least once in grades 3-5, grades 6-9, & grades 10-12

- Alaska administers annual assessments
 - ELA & mathematics in grades 3-10
 - science in grades 4, 8, and 10

School Support and Improvement

- States must identify schools that require interventions:
 - For **comprehensive support**:
 - Schools that are in the bottom five percent
 - Any high school failing to graduate 1/3 or more of their students
 - For **targeted support**:
 - Any school in which a subgroup of students is consistently underperforming
- States may identify other categories of schools, including those for recognition
- No specific interventions are required, state determines support
 - Strategies must be evidence-based

State Accountability Systems

- State-determined accountability system must “meaningfully differentiate” schools
- State must have ambitious state-designed long-term goals for all students and subgroups



What makes a great/quality school?

A Measure Of School Quality or Student Success

Required indicators

- Academic achievement as measured by proficiency on annual assessments
- Another measure of academic achievement (such as student growth)
- For high schools, graduation rates
- Progress of English Language Learners (*new for state system*)

★ **NEW: A measure of school quality or student success**

States must weigh the academic measures more heavily than the other indicators and will also need to incorporate test participation in their accountability system.

❖ *States may include additional indicators*

A Measure Of School Quality & Student Success

Examples

- Student engagement
- Educator engagement
- Access to and completion of advanced courses

Examples

- Postsecondary readiness
- School climate and safety
- Any other indicator that meets the requirement

A Measure Of School Quality & Student Success

Student Engagement

- Surveys of student engagement at the classroom level
 - E.g. surveys, classroom observations, school level surveys etc.
- Classroom observations of student engagement
- Surveys of student engagement at the school level
 - Classroom surveys can then be aggregated for the entire school by subgroup

Educator Engagement

- Staff surveys
- Staff retention rates, interviews during school visits, growth in observation scores, lesson plan reviews

School Climate & Safety

- School climate surveys from students, parents, and/or staff members
- Quantitative measures such as suspension rates, attendance/absences, equitable rates by subgroup, cohort retention (how many students enroll in the school the following year)

A Measure of School Quality or Student Success

☐ Access to and completion of advanced courses

Specific measures that are referenced are ...

- Advanced Placement (AP),
- dual enrollment courses,
- industry level certificates,
- internship completion

☐ Post-secondary Readiness

- SAT/ACT Scores
- Passage of end of course exams
- Proportion of students with access to full curriculum

Note: *Graduation rates are already included for high schools*

☐ Other ideas

- Measures of skills needed for career or college – resilience, tenacity, etc.
- Attendance rates
- Suspension/expulsion rates

Alaska's ESSA State Plan Website

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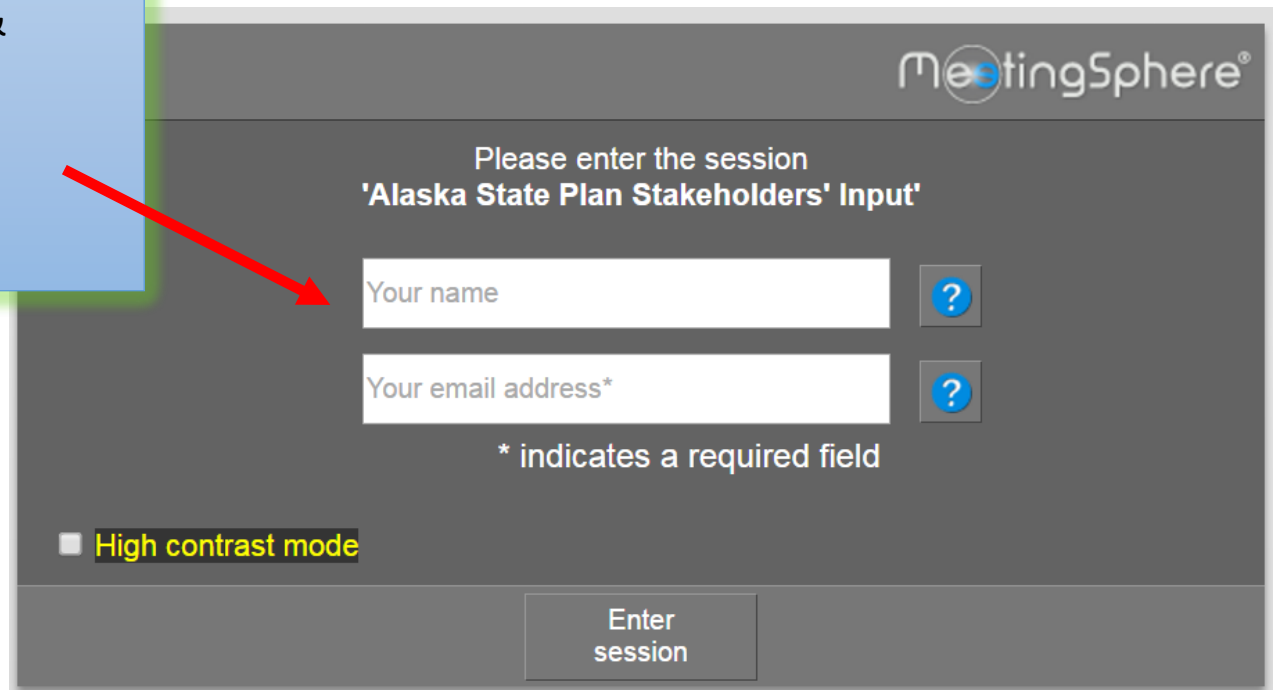
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
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